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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN W. DEWITT,

Plaintiff,

v.

**STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY;
DOES 1 through 100,**

Defendant.

Case No. C 08 0330 JL

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED
BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND REQUEST FOR
REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED
STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: January 23, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Jones Day

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